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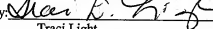
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Examiner Kasten:

Please enter the following on the record in response to the Office Action mailed on August 17, 2009. It is believed that the response is timely and there is no need for a petition for an extension of time. In the Office Action, the Examiner restricted the claims into four (4) groups. In response, Applicants elect Group I (Claims 1-13) without traverse. The Examiner also requested a species election. In response, Applicants elect a plasma-polymerized membrane. Should the Examiner believe a telephone interview would aid in the prosecution of this application, the Applicants encourage the Examiner to call the undersigned at 781.828.9870.

Respectfully submitted,

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